GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2344
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
INTERIM RELIEF TO KERALA FOR DAMAGE TO CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for interim relief have been received by the Union Government from State Governments to face the damage to agriculture farms due to natural calamities, especially from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have deputed teams to assess the extent of damage caused due to flood in States; and

(d) the amount sanctioned for flood relief and drought prone areas programme during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the results achieved so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh,Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal had submitted Memoranda and sought Central assistance indicating loss/damage due to floods while the Governments of Madhya Pradesh/Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Rajasthan had submitted Memoranda and sought Central assistance indicatingloss/damage due to drought, which, inter-alia, included damage to crops also.

(c): Central Teams were deputed to Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and West Bengal.

(d): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to undertake relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements theefforts of the State Governments. Distribution of relief and undertaking ground level relief measures are the responsibility of the State Governments. State-wise details of release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) during 1995-2000 and 2000-01 for undertaking reliefmeasures in the wake of natural calamities including floods and drought are annexed. According to the Department of Land Resources, the Drought Prone Areas Programme is beingimplemented by them in 13 States under which funds amounting to Rs.90.75 crore during 1997-98, Rs.73.00 crore during 1998-99, Rs.94.99 crore during 1999-2000 and Rs.85.68 crore during 2000-2001 (upto 30.11.2000) were released. According to them, 8335 watershed projects have been sanctioned during 1995-2000 and estimated area under watershed development is 24.38 lakh ha. Kerala is not covered by the Drought Prone Areas Programme.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2344 FOR REPL 4.12.2000 INDICATING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF RELEASE OF CENTRAL SHARE OF CALAMITY RELIEF FUND (CRF) DURING 1995-2000 AND 2000-01 (RS. IN LAKHS)

S.NO.	NAME OF STATE	RELEASE OF CENTRAL SHARE OF CRF	
		1995-2000	2000-01
1	Andhra Pradesh	49033	14854.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2779	439.82
3	Assam	19746	1566.47
4	Bihar	19388	
5	Goa	423	46.50
6	Gujarat	55117	13113.51
7	Haryana	9893	1568.64
8	Himachal Pradesh	10641	843.90
9	Jammu & Kashmir	7780	1309.00
10	Karnataka	16523	2796.50
11	Kerala	21874	1734.39
12	Madhya Pradesh	20167	3197.94
13	Maharashtra	25450	

14 Manipur 925 156.00
15 Meghalaya 1101 175.50
16 Mizoram 500 111.50
17 Nagaland 671 53.08
18 Orissa 19351 4105.00
19 Punjab 21380 1695.39
20 Rajasthan 70689 16818.45
21 Sikkim 1859 294.66
22 Tamil Nadu 23433 3849.00
23 Tripura 1775 140.83
24 Uttar Pradesh 49400 3918.35
25 West Bengal 20263 7583.00

TOTAL: 470161 80371.43